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(1) "Japanese" Search Report and "Japanese" Written Opinion, having a mailing date of August 24, 2004, concerning international application number PCT/US2004/005866, along with English translations thereof;

(2) Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. (A) 2001-209966, (PIONEER ELECTRONIC CORP.), published August 3, 2001; Together with a copy of an English-language abstract thereof;

(3) Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. (A) 2003-207714, (SAMSUNG ELECTRONICS CO., LTD.), published July 25, 2003; Together with a copy of an English-language abstract thereof;

(4) Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. (A) 2003-067972, (NEC CORP), published March 7, 2003 (was previously presented in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on July 22, 2003), no copy enclosed;

(5) Katayama, U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US 2002/0181366 A1, published December 5, 2002;

(6) Kim et al., U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0095334 A1, published May 22, 2003 (was previously presented by Applicants in the Information Disclosure Statement filed with the continuation-in-part-application, co-pending U.S. patent application Serial No. 10/942,460 on September 16, 2004), no copy enclosed; and

(7) Kim et al., U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0107979 A1, published June 12, 2003 (was previously cited by Applicants in the Information Disclosure Statement filed with the continuation-in-part-application, co-pending U.S. patent application Serial No. 10/942,460 on September 16, 2004), no copy enclosed.

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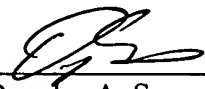
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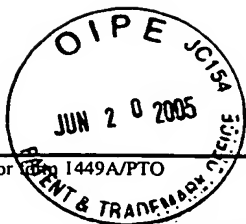
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